

REMARKS

Claims 13, 14 and 16 are pending in this application, of which claim 13 has been amended. Claims 1-12, 15 and 17-19 have been canceled. No new claims have been added.

In the Advisory Action mailed December 9, 2005, the Examiner requested clarification of whether the limitation "other elements" is intended to refer to other heat generating elements or to other elements in general.

In response, claim 13 has been amended by further limiting "element" to a semiconductor element, except for the term "other elements" in the last line of claim 13. This is to differentiate "semiconductor elements" from "other elements," which do not have to be heat generating elements.

The claims are now in condition for further examination.

In the event that this paper is not timely filed, Applicants respectfully petition for an appropriate extension of time. Please charge any fees for such an extension of time and any other fees which may be due with respect to this paper, to Deposit Account No. 01-2340.

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